

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of May 23, 2005**

1. **Street Restoration(Wards 1 & 6):** Rain delayed much of the planned work for this week. The contractor completed replacing damaged curb and gutter on Dundalk Road (Ward 1) and plans to start on Wildwood Avenue between Kingwood and Jackson Avenue next (Ward 6). *(Public Works)*
2. **Maple Avenue Speed Bump Installation (Ward 1):** City contractor is scheduled to install the 5 speed bumps on Maple Avenue between Valley View and Tulip Avenues on Thursday and Friday (May 26 & 27) weather permitting. *(Public Works)*
3. **The Final TASDI Report:** Copies of the Final Report of the Residents' Committee on Tax and Duplication Issues (TASDI) are now available at the Takoma Park Library. A copy of the report will be mailed to Takoma Park community organizations, to TASDI Committee members, and to County and State officials. The report is also available on the City's web site at <http://207.176.67.2/admin/tax/index.html>. Communications Office staff assisted with the graphic design and final printing of the TASDI report. For more information, contact Suzanne Ludlow at 301-891-7229 or SuzanneL@takomagov.org. *(Community & Government Liaison & City TV)*
4. **Snapshots:** Snapshots airs its 50th episode in June. Please see the June newsletter for a lengthier review of the myriad of topics covered by Snapshots these past 4½ years. *(CityTV)*
5. **Possible Equipment for Multi-Purpose Room:** Staff attended a workshop in New Jersey which included a trade show of equipment from vendors targeting access centers and found some possibilities for equipping the new multi-purpose room. *(CityTV)*
6. **Officers in Training:** All officers have attended spring firearms qualifications at the range this week. Capt. Coursey and Lt. Cipperly attended a two-day training, Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) & Disciplinary Board Procedures. Three officers attended one-day counter-terrorism training (which included vehicle searches) with the Montgomery County Police Department. *(Police)*
7. **Crime Report (Ward 1):** Two juveniles, a 14-year-old from the City and a 15-year-old from Riverdale, were arrested Wednesday night for attempted burglary at the Takoma Park Elementary School. *(Police)*
8. **Traffic Report (All Wards):** Traffic details for speed and other violations were conducted on Maple, Carroll, Piney Branch, Flower, New Hampshire, Lincoln, and 4th & Cockerille. More than 80 percent of single traffic stops resulted in citations. *(Police)*
9. **Seat Belt Safety:** The COP Team and other officers are involved in the "Click-It-or-Ticket" effort to increase compliance with safety belt use. The team also will be taking 20 teenaged girls to the Mystics game Thursday evening. *(Police)*

10. **Takoma Park Poet Laureate (All Wards):** Nominees are presently being solicited for Takoma Park's first Poet Laureate. The selected individual must be a published poet and a Takoma Park resident. Nominations or self-nominations will be considered. All nominees must submit a cover letter, a curriculum vitae/resume including a list of publications, and three samples of poetry to the Arts and Humanities Commission c/o Sara Anne Daines at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912. Submissions are due no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 17, 2005. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. **Affordable Housing Program:** Staff attended a training sponsored by the Housing and Community Initiatives, Inc. on the State of Maryland's Homeowners' and Renters' Property Tax Credit Programs. Both offer tax credits to a homeowner or renter whose property taxes exceed a fixed percentage of the person's gross income. The programs mainly serve residents who are on limited or low incomes. The application deadline is September 1, 2005. Anyone needing an application or assistance with the application can call Linda Walker at (301) 891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

12. **Home Buyer's Club:** There are still 4 spots available in the Takoma Park Home Buyer's Club which will have its first class on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, 7pm-9pm at the Heffner Center. The club is available to first time home buyers who are preparing for eventual purchase of a house or condominium. It is a twelve month program that meets once a month. Interested residents can obtain a registration form by calling Linda Walker at (301) 891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

13. **Pedestrian Signals at New Hampshire and Sligo Creek Parkway (Ward 6 & 2):** The pedestrian signals that were installed over the last several months at Sligo Creek Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue have been turned on. *(Housing and Community Development)*

14. **Traffic Signals at Maple Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue (Ward 1):** State Highway is installing new traffic signals at the intersection of Maple Avenue with Philadelphia Avenue. Improvements include attaching the signals to cross arms (rather than diagonal wires) so that both the lights and pedestrians are more visible, striping the crosswalks and adding pedestrian signals to all four sides of the intersection with call buttons, and expanding the sidewalk on the Community Center quadrant. *(Housing and Community Development)*

15. **Carroll Avenue Streetscape Project (Ward 1 & 3):** The start date for the Carroll Avenue Streetscape Project has been moved to June 6th, due to a County permitting department and a State Highway request for a revision. *(Housing and Community Development)*

16. **Laurel Avenue Streetscape Project (Wards 1 & 3):** This week the brick installation continued and some street furniture has been installed. Next week the Contractor will continue to install street furniture and begin to demolish and excavate the median. State Highway is scheduled to begin construction on the new audible pedestrian signals. Vehicular traffic will be routed to travel in the parking lane on the Church side of Laurel. Several parking spaces have been opened on the commercial side of Laurel and new parking meters will be installed in the next few weeks by the Public Works Department. *(Housing and Community Development)*

17. **Philadelphia Avenue at Old Philadelphia Avenue Crosswalk (Ward 1):** State Highway has begun installation of the first phase of improvements to the crosswalk across Philadelphia Avenue at the intersection with Old Philadelphia Avenue near Cedar Avenue. Remaining striping to be installed includes the double yellow center line, and narrowing the street with white paint. *(Housing and Community Development)*

18. **Library Entertainment:** Local singer and song-writer Greta Ehrig will usher in summer with an evening of interactive musical entertainment for all ages at the Library on Wednesday June 1st. *(Library)*

19. **Summer Quest:** Official Summer Quest activities begin Friday June 10 at the Library. Resident artist Dave Burbank has created another original read-to-move adventure to inspire summer reading for the young and young at heart. *(Library)*

20. **Kids and Safety:** Montgomery County Safe Kids in conjunction with the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept. will give away flashlights and smoke alarm batteries and will assist families to prepare home escape plans on the second Saturday of each month from June through October from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Library. *(Library)*

21. **Film Festival:** Under new leadership, the Takoma Park Film Festival Committee is sending out a 'call for films' for the next festival, planned for November 2005 in the City Council Chambers. Applications may be obtained at the Library, or through the web site: <http://www.takomaparkfilmfestival.org> *(Library)*